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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dormitory damage goes beyond the norm

by Mark Johnson

Damages and thefts in dormitories are two problems common to many college campuses. Avila is no exception.

What is unusual is the amount that has occured already this year.

Thefts have occured in both residence halls although Ridgway has been particularly hard hit according to Director of Housing, Deb Lewis.

She went on to say the great extent of the damages has occured on 5th floor in Ridgway.

The damages are broken down into three catagories.

Accidental damages are something that is expected. Damages resulting from pranks are also expected, but please few people.

The third type is malicious damage. This is the type that has been prominent on the fifth floor this year.

There have been chairs broken, and fireworks set off on the floor leaving burn marks. The clock has been stolen as have several exit signs. There are dents in the ceiling from golf, tennis, and soccer balls and a hold in the wall where one student took out his frustration.

When a student is caught damaging property, he or she is held fiscally responsible and also faces disciplinary action. The action can range from a warning letter to expulsion from the dorms.

Both these actions and some in between have been taken so far this year for damages and acts committed by students.

What concerns the housing administration most is the underlying cause. So far they have been unable to pinpoint a specific reason.

A majority of the damage though, has been caused by people under the influence of alcohol according to three independent sources.

The housing administration is seeking peer assistance on the floors. They are also working to get the students to take a more active role in the care of the property.

When damage occurs, the entire floor splits the cost if the indivdual(s) are not found.

Residents are made aware of this policy in floor meetings and handbooks at the beginning of the school year Deb Lewis said.

According to observers, the damage rate has recently decreased. The question is, will it continue this trend throughout the winter? Winter is a season when damages tend to be high since people feel "cooped up" inside, according to Deb.

Last year's total loss in damages and thefts on 5th floor totaled $350.00. Deb said, "some state schools would consider this good, but by Avila standards, consider it atrocious."

Aid applications available

On January 4th financial aid applications for the 1981-82 school year will become available.

The applications will be available in the financial aid office located in lower Blasco Hall.

Many students do not think of applying for financial aid until later in the school year. Financial Aid Director Carter Beck says though, "that students should apply as early as possible since a number of the programs award their aid on a first come first serve basis."

The Missouri Student Grant Program is one of these. Students who have received aid before and are seeking aid for the first time are urged to apply as soon as possible for this program in particular.

If anyone has questions they should contact the Financial Aid Office.

Registration time is now through Jan. 9

by Denise Kaufman

As the first semester comes to a close, the time draws near to register for next semester. Registration began on Monday, December 7, and continues through Saturday, December 19.

The Admissions Office which is located in Blasco Hall, will be open on any of the above dates from 9-7 pm on Mondays-Thrusdays, 9-4 pm on Fridays, and 9-12 noon on Saturdays. In January, the 4th-9th have also been set aside for second semester registration.

Persons who wish to enroll for courses but have not been accepted for admission, may be permitted to enroll by contacting the Admissions Office for a temporary registration/ acceptance.

Former students returning to Avila who did not attend the Fall, 1981 semester should obtain re-admit permits from the Admissions Office.

At the time of registration, students on the deferred payment plan will need to pay ¼ of tuition balance. Moreover, financial aid students must pay the first payment by January 8, 1981.

It is also imperative that any student who has not already been advised for second semester contacts his or her academic adviser at once. In addition, for maximum success when making schedule selections, students are strongly encourage to daily check the revised second semester class offerings which is posted in the registrars office in upper Blasco.

Editorial Notebook

Breaking the barriers

As the year 1981 draws to an end so does the Year of the Disabled Person.

One can only hope that it will not be the end but just the beginning of a new awareness and understanding about the disabled person. Progress has been made though the journey is still long. The last thing the disabled person needs is detours created by society's prejudices and outdated beliefs. In some cases, society unknowingly has created these detours.

Buildings which were once inaccessible are now being built with ramps instead of stairs and wide doorways intead of narrow ones. Houses are being designed with lower counters and cabinets. There is now caption television for those who are deaf.

These are just a few of the attempts to eliminate physical detours. The mental ones are likely to take longer.

Jobs that require the use of the mind are denied because someone is unable to use their legs Students in the past have been denied proper educations because of handicaps that did nothing to impair their thought capacity.

This problem is lessening with the increasing emphasis on mainstreaming in education.

The final solution and awareness will have to come from within. Only then will all the barriers be torn down.

Letter-to-the-Editor

Dear Editor:

Apathy seems to be a nationwide problem among young people, and Avila College is no exception. Young people do not worry about unemployment or the economy because these things do not affect them. They are in the future. They are far away. Young people feel everything will be taken care of by the time they are ready to go out into the business world.

Youth has been handed things on a silver platter so long they have forgotten how to give. Or have they? There has been some giving here on the Avila campus only the silver platter has been replaced by a silver fire extinguisher. Thus one's man thrill becomes another's nightmare. The victim is soon forgotten, but the attacker is given a "Last Supper" for his pains. Apathy has come to Avila along with a lot of hatred. If you do not like someone on campus, you don't get rid of them you simply hurt them or make their life miserable.

To make the message clear you get a few friends together to share your hatred. To get the message across the agresser pulls a few practical jokes, putting vaseline on door handles, locking a person in their room so they can miss an important exam, letting the air out of their car tires, and virtually making their life unbearable. Some of the victims survive, they overcome the obsticles that are set before them. Unfortunately they are alone, no one wants to give the strong ones any support or encouragement.

Because they would be going against the norm, they would no longer be apathetic. They would be compassionate and kind — two qualities which seem to have left the youth of today. Two qualities which have left the students of Avila College.

I used to feel proud being a student at Avila College. I used to feel Avila was a different kind of school. The students seemed to have a unionization that was different and unique. I used to admire the dorm life because everyone seemed like a family. I guess I was wrong.

Jennifer McKenna

Time to tone those thighs?

The New Year is coming, it's time to get in shape, and Intramural will be offering stretch and exercise and swimming.

Stretch and exercise, alias stretch and kill, is an overall body workout empasizing breathing and cardiovacular awareness. If there is enough interest, there may be two sessions offered: Monday/Wednesday, and Tuesday/Thursday. Sign up at the Office of Student Life by January 15. Dates and time will be available at that time.

Swimming is January 16 through March 26 at the Red Bridge YMCA, Holmes and Minor. It will be open Friday nights 7:15-9:15 for the Avila faculty, staff, student body and their guests.

Christmas In The Dorms

It's that time of year...The spirit of Christmas has infected the dorms. (Top) Tina Crimi and Lisa Gerard work on stringing popcorn while Barb Haggard works on getting things wrapped.

Art offers wide spectrum of courses

by Denise Keufman

Avila's Art Department offers a wide range of choices for those who have an interest in art. Students may obtain a degree in art therapy, art education, as well as a Bachelor of Arts of Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

The art therapy program places focus on using artistic skills coupled with the students knowledge of fine arts, pyschology, sociology, and education. During the course of the program, students sharpen artistic skills and gain the understanding of now to apply these skills to aid others in self-awareness.

Work in hospitals, mental health facilities, and private clinics can be found after graduation. Moreover, the art therapist has an essential role in helping others find new avenues for communication in order for the patient to achieve.

An art education degree is offered for those who wish to have the opportunity for employment in the public school system. If the student desires a double major of art therapy combined with art education may be obtained. A bachelor of arts degree is also offered separately of the above mentioned programs for those who desire concentration in art education and studio art.

The bachelor of fine arts degree offers a curriculum with greet emphasis in studio art. Seventy-six hours of studio art is requlred in the BFA program compared with only sixty which is needed to obtain a BA degree. Much stress is placed in the ecademlc requirements of foreign languege, history, literature, writing sklils, math, philosophy, end pyschology, with very few electives.

The reasonsing behind this type of course stucture according to Myron Brody, a member of the art deparmtent faculty, "is to guarantee the degree holder es received, a high quality liberal arts background in addition to the maximum number of professionel art courses." Brody goes on to mention thet this type of progrem has been formulated end strongly supported by the Art Division feculty not only to ensure students the basic command of necessary skills, but to provide graduates with ample communicetion knowledge which is fundamental for today's business world survival.

Another unique fector is that Avila is one of the few small liberal arts institutions which gives the 30-40 art majors the opportunity to display works in a professional art gallery program. Student designs cen be viewed on campus et verious times during in the semester in the Thornhill Gallery. In addition, full facilities for studio art work are located on the Avila campus. This is beneficial for on hends training in several areas can be experienced.

A sense of professionalism is maintained in the department at all times. This cen be attributed to the extremely competent and high quality staff. Three full time and 6 to 9 part time instructors are available to aid students in the understanding of several areas of art. The instructors ere all professional artists and are requlred to exhibit their own works of art. Several have exhibited works in museums across the United States and Brazil.

Many fail to realize that it is important that everyone participate in some degree of art whether it be in the area of music, dance, visual, or performing arts. Myron Brody feels that especially in today's society, the involvement in these art forms is needed to gain a full understanding of ones cultural heritage.

A sense of confidence can also be achieved from working with the creative process. One must note that several day and evening classes are offered for non art majors. Students are encouraged to discover art, to braoden horizens, expand knowledge, grow as an individual or just have fun.

Invading Mexico over spring break

In even-numbered years the Avila Biology Area offers students the opportunity to explore an ecosystem quite different from those found in the Midwest.

This coming spring the Area will be offering Field Biology, which involves preliminary studies leading to a trip to sub-tropical Mexico over spring break. Each student will be responsible for researching and collecting relevant data on a topic related to the social or natural history of the trip's destination.

This year's goal is the Mexican state of Veracruz. The region offers coastal deserts, beaches, and forests as well as high altitude cloud forests in its inland mounteln renges. The letter is e unlque phenomenon of tropicel Central end South America end hes numerous plents and animals found nowhere else in the world.

In addition to the natural wonders, the region Is elso of historical significance, having been the site of one of the Indian civilizations that pre-dated Columbus' arrival in the New World.

Due to the fact that transportation will be vla vans and camping will be the means of lodging provided, enrollment is strictly limited.

If you are interested in further information, please contact Bob Powell in the Biology Office, O'Reilly Hell.

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Sue Merko shoots over three Park defenders. Avila won the game 80-44.

Avalanche hosts Griffins tomorrow

by Nancy Burnor

Tomorrow night Missouri Western comes to Avila. It's the first regular home game for the season for the Avalanche, and the only one this semester. Tip off will be at 7:45 in Mabee Fieldhouse.

Avila's first loss of the season came against Southwest Baptist 67-64. The Avalanche was in the game until the final minute when SBU scored 2 key free throws.

Mark Hatchett was lead scorer finishing with 21 points. Baxter Jones was close behind, sinking in 18 points. In the first half Avila only shot 31% from the floor leaving them trailing 25-23.

The Avalanche rolled over Missouri Valley 92-75 to win the 5th Annual Avila Classic. The victory moved Avila's record to 4-0.

Missouri Valley jumped out to an early 13-4 lead using the fast break. Their fast break soon slowed down and Avila led at the half 50-34.

Avila reached the championship by defeating Baker 71-55. They jumped off to an early 20-7 lead but found themselves trailing at the half 35-31 when they let down on defense.

Mark took control underneath the basket in the second half with 10 quick points to put Avila in front to stay. Mark finished as the game's leading scorer with 22.

Avila's first two wins came in the Mid-America Classic where they defeated Olevet Nazarene 71-55 and Bethel 84-79.

In the Bethel game, Mark once again was leading scorer with 24. Mark also led in rebounds with 11. Feeding him throughout the night was Darrek Porter who closed with 11 assists.

Against Olevet, the Avalanche took a 33-22 halftime lead on Baxter's shooting. Baxter finished with 22 points in the game.

Thus far in the season, Baxter is leading scorer with 99 points, averaging better than 19 points per game. Mark comes in second to Baxter with 97 points, also averaging better than 19 points per game. Mark also led in rebounds with 32 defensive and 10 offensive with 8.4 rebounds per game mark.

Darrek leads in free throw percentage, hitting better than 85% from the charity stripe. Marvin is averaging 10.5 points per game while shooting at a 67% clip from the floor.

Women challenge St. Louis tonight

Tonight the Lady Avalanche will play St. Louis University in Mabee Field house with tip off at 8:00 p.m.

In the game against Ottawa, Avila was defeated 68-50. They were unable to keep a one point lead at halftime 27-26. During the first half, the Avalanche shot 40% from the floor.

Marsha Huss was leading scorer, finishing with 10 points. Kathy Hale and Darby Chambers were close behind, tossing in 8 each.

Linda Nelson and Susan Sulzer led in rebounds with 13. Darby ahd Kathy also led in assists with 4 each.

The women sailed into rough waters when they opened the season against Pittsburg State. Avila held its own in the first half, trailing only 32-25. Pittsburg came out and swamped them in the second half, winning 74-41. Darby again led all scorers, sinking 9 points with Kathy close behind with 8. Leading in rebounds was Susan with 5.

Unfortunately, the storm grew worse when Avila played UMKC. UMKC blew the Avalanche away 91-57.

The Avalanche then did the same to Park with an 80-44 win, Avila's first. Darby, once again, led all scorers with 19 points. Marsha came in second with 14 points. Susan again led in rebounds with 4.

The win was just the calm before the storm as Southwest Baptist beat Avila 92-55. Southwest held the Avalanche to only 18 points in the first half. Darby was; again lead scorer with 26 points.

Win the game

As time ticked away, the crowd's enthusiasm grew to unbelievable heights. The score was 68 all and only five seconds remained. Your team had the ball.

Envision yourself in this intense situation scoring the basket that wins the game. There would be no stopping you after accomplishing this incredible feat.

This situation is possible every time you play Intramural 3 on 3 basketball. It's all up to you and your team.

Three on three play begins January 20 and runs through February 17. Games will be played every Wednesday 11 - 12 Noon, 8-10 p.m. and on Sundays 1-4 p.m. A Championship Tournament will be run the week of February 21.

There must be six people on each team. So get your team together and bring a list of their names into the Office of Student Life by December 16.

Behind the headlines

by Nancy Burnor

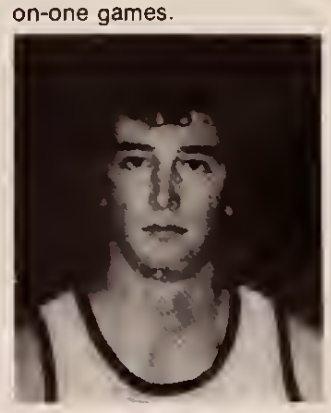
Darrek Porter may never get the headlines of a leading scorer, but is one of the key factors to Avila's success this year.

Darrek's basketball days started in 3rd grade. At Oak Park High School he achleved 1st team All-Conference, 1st-Team All Northland along with other numerable honors for his basketball skills.

At this point in the season, Darrek is not satisfied with his performance. He feels the Avalanche has the potential to reach the final 32 in the national tournament.

At Avila, Darrek has managed to maintain a perfect 4.0 GPA in anticipation of a career in the government upon graduation. His Political Science major is aiding him in reaching this goal.

Darrek's other interests lie in traveling, tennis, and beating Jim Donnelly in one-on-one games.



Derrek Porter

Darrek plays basketball "for the excitement of competition and the challenge to achieve the goals you set as a player and as a team."

From the Bench

Taking a trip to the zoo

by Mark Johnson

Professional sports in 1981 wrote a tale not soon to be forgotten. It was a tale of greed, money, stupidity, and animals running the zoo.

More about the animals later.

Basketball got things bouncing (not too merrily) along with its million dollar contract giveaway. Still not satisfied, the players and owners brought free agency to the sport that could least afford it.

Lead dunce at point guard was Cleveland Cavalier's owner Ted Stepien, Ted, scorning capitalism, gave away millions for several free agents. Never mind the fact they didn't fill his team's needs. One has quite a splinter collection.

The players receive assists for their roles. For basketball may be able to pay them now, but will it be able to pay them later?

Things simmered down for a while. Then the new season opened (had the old one closed yet?) and the player everybody loved turned into the player you could easily dislike.

"Magic" Johnson felt the Laker's coach was cramping his style with the new defense and offense he had installed. He demanded to be traded.

Let's backtrack just for a moment. When the contract bonanza was in full swing Johnson didn't get a million dollar contract. He got a twenty-five million dollar contract. On with the story.

Did the Laker's owner trade "Magic"? Did he fine him? Did he tell him to shut up? No.

He did what any illogical owner would do. He fired the coach. Then while he was in such fine form he did what came naturally and called a press conference. The conference was to announce his new head coach and assistant coach. Neither he nor the coaches knew who was which or which was who.

San Diego Head Coach Paul Silas (at least he knows what he is) said after the fiasco, "the animals are running the zoo."

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